

**Submitted by Kenneth J. Swanson, Administrator
Idaho State Historical Museum and sites
Quarterly Report for June to August 2004**

OVERVIEW

In April, the museum received a wonderful gift from the Nez Perce Tribal Council. Four educational trunks with items made by traditional Nez Perce artists currently working in the field. Lewis & Clark used them (just kidding) when they came through Idaho and the Museum received them for distribution to the public. The items in the trunks are "hands-on" per the tribe's request. Staff is currently working on getting the trunks ready for distribution. Vassar College Intern Rochelle Carpenter has been cataloguing and photographing the artifact for documentation this month. We anticipate they will be ready for travel in September for the 2004-2005 school year.

The traveling exhibit on the Corps of Discovery is completed. The first one sent out on June 30 to Ashton for exhibit at the Hess Heritage Museum. Museum staff has moved forward on the building of interpretive shelter in Pioneer Village. The Pearce cabin has been removed and the grounds prepared for the new structure.

The museum is participating in the Cultural Triathlon that kicked off in early June. Museum staff and other members of the *Cultural Network met with Carol McBryant of the National Park Service in June to look at park sites for

"Corps of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future" coming to Boise in May of 2006.

**The Cultural Network is a consortium of museums, libraries, educational institutions and service. They are organizations collaborating to schedule and promote programs, exhibits, and activities of interest to Idaho residents and visitors. Our members include Ada Community Library, Boise Public Library, Basque Museum & Cultural Center, Boise Art Museum, Discovery Center of Idaho, Hispanic Cultural Center, Idaho, Botanical Garden, Idaho State Historical Museum, Zoo Boise, and as well as many other organizations in the area.*

PERSONNEL

No change.

GIFTS AND DONATIONS

We had 19 donations in the past quarter.

TRAVEL

In State:

John Dadabay, Fred Fritchman, Kurt Zwolfer, Jody Ochoa to Lewiston in April to speak at the Annual Idaho Association of Museums conference.

Kurt has traveled as a speaker for several educational programs throughout Idaho

Ken traveled to the Payette Historical Society and to the Meridian rendezvous for school programs. A Civil War camp took place in May 6-8 at Eagle Island State Park. The camp was well received by the children.

Out of State:

Kurt Zwolfer traveled to Maryland for the annual History Day event in June 2004

Exhibits and traveling trunks

The "On the Road with Lewis & Clark" grant will continue through June of 2004. The trunks have a somewhat busy schedule through September of 2004 and I am confident with the new school year, they will be traveling a lot.

The traveling exhibits are also busy going out to several libraries and other educational facilities. The new traveling exhibit of Nez Perz Parfleches is on stand by for scheduling to schools and is an interesting exhibit to see. We will advertise on our website the availability of the four Nez Perz trunks. The new Lewis & Clark traveling exhibit is very popular and is booked throughout 2004 and early 2005.

Brown Bag Lectures

The brown bag lectures have been well received. This quarter with an average of One hundred and sixty participants at each one.

Events this quarter

June 9	ISHS & Genealogy Society
June 11-18	History Day in Maryland -Kurt Zwolfer
June 22	Education Program in Star, Idaho-Kurt Zwolfer
July 1	Boise Art Museum-Talk-Degas & the dance
July 8	Education Program in Payette, Idaho-Kurt Zwolfer
August 5-26	Boise Art Museum

Education

Personnel-Intern-Abby Buckmaster

Program Updates

- *Museum Programs*- Summer camps start the week of July 12 and at this point both camps have filled almost to capacity. This year's program will be a good trial run to gauge the success and feasibility of continuing this program in the future.
- *History Day*-In June, I accompanied the Idaho team to the history day finals in Maryland. We had a very good attendance this year. One group made it into the final round and two projects won special awards (including a scholarship). Funding for next year's program is still an on going issue. I hope that this summer I will be able to organize a fundraising board consisting of educators, parents, and businessmen to help deal with this problem.
- *Prospector Club*-I sent out a survey to find how the teachers liked the new Prospector Club format and received mixed results. Some of the teachers loved the new Internet newsletter and some absolutely hated it. I will try to adjust this year's program based on their comments I received.
- *Volunteer Party*: In late June we held our annual volunteer recognition picnic. Representatives from each department helped organize the event and the administrative department provided the food. The event was a success and the volunteers seemed to enjoy the fine meal and prize give-a-ways.

Historic Sites

Final designs review for the Rock Creek Station Interpretive Center is underway and could be complete by the end of July. The Franklin Pioneer Association has completed an inventory of the items in the Relic hall and the Franklin Cooperative Mercantile Institution. Staff members will conduct an on site visit to Franklin in the fall and assist the volunteers with the labeling and artifact preservation techniques. Now that the electrical work is completed, staff members will also be traveling to Franklin in July to install flooring in the Hatch house and the Doney house.

Old Idaho Penitentiary

Visitation:

This quarter 8,577 people visited the Old Idaho Penitentiary. **Please see the third page for Fourth Quarter 2003/2004 comparisons*

Education:

Ninety educational groups with a total of 4,036 students and chaperones visited the Old Idaho Penitentiary this quarter.

Interpretation:

Weekday interpretive programs resumed on June 1. During the month of June, 98-guided walks were offered and 824 visitors participated in these walks.

Staff:

In June, Sheryl Haeberle was hired as the half-time receptionist at the Old Penitentiary. Stacy Irving, a graduate student in history at BSU, was hired through the work-study program as seasonal interpreter.

Volunteers:

This quarter twenty-five volunteers donated 817 hours of their time to the Old Idaho Penitentiary. During FY2004, 34 volunteers donated 2197 hours of time to the Old Penitentiary.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Event picnic was not rained out and held on the grounds of the Assay Office on June 28. Approximately 70 ISHS volunteers and their spouses attended the event.

Special Events:

- Two church groups obtained permits for the Table Rock Trail this quarter, both for Easter related hikes to the cross on Table Rock. St. Mary's Catholic Church held their event on April 4. On April 9, for the third year in a row, the Vineyard Christian Fellowship held their Journey of the Cross.
- The Boise Police Department used the main yard of the Old Penitentiary for terrorism training on April 17.
- Boise's Les Bois Junior High School held a Renaissance Festival for their ninth grade students on April 30 at the Old Penitentiary. Approximately 300 students set up their Renaissance related projects between the Women's Ward and the Trustee Dorm. Stations about Renaissance arts such as falconry, dance, and sword fighting were set up in and around the Women's Ward.
- The wake for Joe Klauser, former warden at the Idaho State Correctional Institute, at the Old Penitentiary on May 14 and approximately 300 people attended.
- On June 28, the Division of Professional-Technical Education held a dinner for their summer conference attendees at the Old Penitentiary. Approximately 500 people attended.

Media: *The Idaho Statesman* featured the Old Penitentiary on their weekly Idaho history page on April 13.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Admissions</u>
Apr-04	2207	\$7,497.00
May-04	4166	\$12,332.75
Jun-04	2204	\$9,082.20
TOTALS	8,577	\$28,911.95

FOURTH QUARTER FY 2003

<u>Month</u>	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Admissions</u>
Apr-03	2085	\$6,062.00
May-03	4430	\$11,376.50
<u>Jun-03</u>	<u>2553</u>	<u>\$8,602.00</u>
TOTALS	9,068	\$26,040.50

QUARTER DIFFERENCES

	<u>Visitors</u>	<u>Admissions</u>
Total this period	8,577	\$28,911.95
<u>Total past period</u>	<u>9,068</u>	<u>\$26,040.50</u>
	-491	\$2,871.45

**The above numbers are the Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2004 results for the Old Pen